

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, McConico, Leland (19/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (0/19)

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2006. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6213** before the committee.

HB 6213	Huizenga	Labor; hours and wages; minimum wage; maintain status quo with respect to federal minimum wage and overtime exemptions when state minimum wage increases.
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Chair Huizenga explained the intent of the bill.

Michael Bazelides, representing Indian Trails, Inc., testified and submitted a letter in **support** of the bill, and answered questions.

Greg Rissonette, representing ABC Warehouse, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Dave Dirven, representing ABC Warehouse, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union, testified and submitted written testimony in **opposition** to the bill, and answered questions.

Dave Miller, representing Conway Freight, testified in **support** of the bill.

Tom Bissonnette, representing the Michigan Nurses Association, testified and submitted a memorandum in **opposition** to the bill, and answered questions.

Ron Lilek, representing Beaumont Hospitals, testified and submitted a letter in **support** of the bill, and answered questions.

Isaac Robinson, representing the Michigan Teamsters, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Joe Feldpausch, representing himself, testified and submitted written testimony in **support** of the bill.

Dave Hodges and **Dave Johnson**, representing the Mid-Michigan Radio Group, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions. Written testimony was submitted by each.

Nick Ciarmitaro, representing the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Michigan - Council 25, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Dirk Milliman, representing the *Three Rivers Commercial News*, testified in **support** of the bill.

Ken Fletcher, representing the Michigan State AFL-CIO, testified and submitted a memorandum in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Kurt Berryman, representing the Auto Dealers of Michigan, testified in **support** of the bill.

Richard Adado, representing Shaheen Chevrolet, testified in **support** of the bill.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Jack Schick, representing the National Association of Theatre Owners of Michigan;

Keith Carey, representing the National Federation of Independent Business;

Kelly Johnston, representing the Michigan Movers Association;

Bonnie Bochniak, representing the Michigan Business and Professional Association;

Amy Shaw, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association;

Martin Hartunian, representing ABC Warehouse;

Kim Rhead, representing Central Transport/Centra, Inc. and the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers of Michigan;

Dave Finkbeiner, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, also submitted a memorandum in **support**;

Lisa McGraw, representing the Michigan Press Association;

Mike Lashbrook, representing the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association;

Percy Wells and **Lee Scott**, representing Coca-Cola Enterprise of Michigan;

Bill Lobenherz, representing the Michigan Soft Drink Association;

Jim Murray, representing AT&T;

Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association and Spectrum Health;

Andy Deloney, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association;

Ron Nelson, representing Michigan Farm Bureau;

Alan Canady, representing Perfection Bakeries;

Erick Hingst, representing Commuter Express;

Dan Smith, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce;

Sean Gehle and **Felicia Wasson**, representing Ascension Health – Michigan, also submitted a memorandum in **support**;

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce;

Derek Dalling, representing Star Truck Rentals and the Ohio-Michigan Equipment Dealers Association;

Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association;

David Strouse, representing Gillette's Interstate R.V.;

Walter Heinritz, representing the Michigan Trucking Association;

Tina Grant, representing Trinity Health, indicating **support** of the bill's **concept**;

Paul Bukowski, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan;

Linda Gobler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association; and

Stacie Behler, representing Meijer, Inc., also submitted a letter of **support**.

The following people submitted letters in **support** of the bill:

Michael Corrigan, representing Corrigan Moving Systems;

Amy Newberg, representing Art Van Furniture; and

Rafael Hairston, representing himself.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers – Michigan; and

Nadine Nosal, representing the International Union, UAW.

Representative Hildenbrand, supported by **Representative Baxter**, moved to report **House Bill 6213**, with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker (12/19)

NAYS: Reps. Meisner, Tobocman, Bennett, Leland (4/19)

PASS: Reps. Dillon, Accavitti, McConico (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chair Huizenga** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:45 p.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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